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General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

10 a.m. . . . . 3rd meeting (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

[A letter from President of the General Assembly, dated 12 April 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Security Council

Informal Working Group on International Tribunals

4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will take place on Wednesday, 2 May 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). A letter from the Chair, dated 17 April 2012, was sent to all Permanent Representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the modalities of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples 2014 on Friday, 4 May 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 5 April 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Friday, 8 June 2012, at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to elect the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session (agenda item 4). Immediately following the plenary meeting, the Main Committees will hold their consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their Chairs at the sixty-seventh session (agenda item 5) and their respective Bureaux. Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees, the General Assembly will hold another plenary meeting to elect the Vice-Presidents at its sixty-seventh session (agenda item 6). The Chairs of regional groups who have not yet communicated their nominations are requested to do so, *as soon as possible*, in order to facilitate the scheduled elections in a timely manner. Communications may be sent by e-mail (muturi@un.org) or sent by fax (1 (212) 963-3783). Telephone inquiries may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Mary Muturi (tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

List of speakers

The special meeting, to establish the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011 (A/RES/66/197), *has been postponed* to Friday, 11 May 2012, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). Delegations who have not yet submitted their request for inscription on the list of speakers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, their level of participation, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A). For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

Accreditation of national security personnel

Permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to submit applications for national security personnel to the attention of the Department of Safety and Security in New York. Pre-accreditation will be accepted for processing by the Special Services Unit (c/o Captain William Ball (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7531; room L-0113Q; fax 1 (212) 963-1833)). Applications will be received until *Friday, 25 May 2012*. From Monday, 4 June 2012, onwards, all accreditation requests must be submitted to the United Nations Security and Safety Service at the Riocentro Convention Center (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org).

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

8–10 a.m. . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Meeting of the UNCSD Bureau with Member States and major groups

Informal informal consultations on the draft outcome document

Working Group 1

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

7–10 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Section III on "Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication"

Section V on "Framework for action and follow-up"

Working Group 2

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

7–10 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Section I on "Preamble/Stage setting"

Section II on "Renewing political commitment"

Section IV on "Institutional framework for sustainable development"

[The draft outcome document and the organization of work of the informal informal consultations are available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also reminded that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the draft outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).]

[To consult the preliminary list of side events on the occasion of the second round of informal informal negotiations on the draft outcome document, please *click here*.]

[The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the session in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets, to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal is available for delegations participating in the session of the Preparatory Committee, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).]

[1]The Portal is an initiative of the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat, Meetings and Publishing Division, DGACM. Application development and hosting for the Portal are provided by the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Management, with branding and graphic design provided by the Graphic Design Unit, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 256th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

1. Election of the Chair of the Committee
2. Other matters

Committee on Information

Thirty-fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

[On the occasion of the International Jazz Day, a panel discussion and a film screening will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).]

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group V (Insolvency Law)
Forty-first session

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

Monday, 30 April 2012

General Assembly

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development" (under agenda item 63) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

Other meetings

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Monday, 30 April 2012

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room D (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room D (NLB)

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of Western European and Other States (monthly meeting)

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Monday, 30 April 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September. The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

The second part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session will begin on Monday, 7 May 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued in document A/C.5/66/L.33.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available at <www.un.org/en/ga/fifth>.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; room L-0321; fax 1 (212) 963-0360), *by Friday, 4 May 2012*. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will meet from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 May 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 7 May, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.276/L.7. The draft format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document A/AC.276/L.8. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Working Group, are available on the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at the following address: <www.un.org/Depts/los/biodiversityworkinggroup/biodiversityworkinggroup.htm>.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting of the Working Group to the Division, *by Friday, 4 May 2012* (room DC2-450; fax 1 (212) 963-5847).

Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-1894).

Please *click here* to consult the list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 341st meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Wednesday, 2 May 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The meeting will be preceded by the screening of the film "This is My Land...Hebron", at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Meeting of States Parties

Thirty-first meeting

The Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights will take place on Tuesday, 1 May 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The purpose of this extraordinary meeting is to conduct one by-election to fill a casual vacancy arising from the death of a member of the Human Rights Committee in January 2012. The documents for the Meeting are CCPR/SP/78 and CCPR/SP/79. For the list of candidates and other information, please visit the following site: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the necessary quorum for the Meeting is two-thirds of the 167 States parties to the Covenant, that is to say 112 States parties. To avoid the Meeting being substantially delayed or postponed, representatives of States parties should be present at the scheduled time of the Meeting.

Credentials

In accordance with rule 2 of the revised rules of procedures of the Meeting of the States Parties, the credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the Meeting. The credentials may be brought to the Meeting or sent in advance to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. James Turpin (room DC1-0504)).

Additional meeting in 2012

States parties to the Covenant are informed that the regular scheduled elections to replace those nine members of the Committee whose terms expire in December 2012 will be held at the Thirty-second Meeting of the States Parties, scheduled to take place on Thursday, 6 September 2012.

Economic and Social Council

Special event

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special event on "Harnessing the contributions of civil society to sustainable development" on Thursday, 3 May 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Following welcoming remarks by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), the Council will hear presentations, by each of the representatives of the nine major groups as identified in Agenda 21, on examples of concrete initiatives being undertaken in support of sustainable development, including for Rio+20 and beyond.

All are invited to attend. For additional information on the event, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737).

Youth forum

The Economic and Social Council will hold a youth forum on the theme of "Creating a sustainable future: Empowering youth with better job opportunities" on Friday, 4 May 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The forum will include an opening statement by the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, and keynote addresses by Mr. Ronan Farrow, Special Adviser to the United States Secretary of State for Global Youth Issues, and Ms. Danielle Fong, Chief Science Officer and Co-Founder, LightSail Energy. Moderators will include Mr. Rishi Jaitly, Program Director, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and Dr. Gernot Wagner, Economist, Environmental Defense Fund, and adjunct Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University.

There will be two interactive dialogue sessions to provide youth representatives attending in person and via video link an opportunity to exchange views and ideas with multiple stakeholders, including Member States, civil society organizations, academia and the private sector. Closing remarks will be made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, and the Acting Head of the Department of Public Information, Mr. Maher Nasser. For further information, please contact Mr. Paul

Simon (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027); or Ms. Makiko Tagashira (e-mail tagashira@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4836).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Informal consultations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 1 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB), and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB); and on Wednesday, 2 May, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

The Secretariat will provide laptops in the conference room for accredited delegations to facilitate access to the work programme of the Committee through its re-designed Paperless Committee system, which is expected to be launched in time for the meeting. Background information on the Committee, its procedures and other pertinent documentation are available on the Web site of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo>. Participation in the informal consultations is open to members of the Committee only.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Eleventh session

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold its eleventh session from Monday, 7, to Friday, 18 May 2012, at United Nations Headquarters. The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2012/1, and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2012/L.1.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, in advance of the session, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-0613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 2 May,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The list of speakers is open. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

For background and other related documents of the eleventh session of the Forum, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/indigenous>.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefings

The UNICEF Executive Board will hold informal briefings in preparation for the 2012 annual session, as follows:

Tuesday, 1 May 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the annual report of the Executive Director and on the report on the progress of gender equality work in UNICEF;

Tuesday, 15 May 2012, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. and from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on the annual report on the evaluation function and major evaluations, including the management response to the thematic analysis (violence against children programming); and on the office of Internal Audit 2011 annual report; and

Monday, 21 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on the thematic discussion on Focus Area 5 of the medium-term strategic plan (Policy advocacy and partnerships for children's rights) (in the context of the pre-session).

2012 annual session

The 2012 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 5, to Friday, 8 June 2012, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work will be issued in document E/ICEF/2012/9.

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board will be held on Monday, 21 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_61796.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; or fax 1 (212) 326-7096), *no later than Friday, 25 May 2012*. In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union" (under agenda item 130) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

Thursday, 3 May 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies" (under agenda item 32) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in its capacity as chair of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies)

Thursday, 17 May 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Tuesday, 1 May 2012, from 8.45 to 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters

Tuesday, 1 May 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 3 May 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR/DESA Workshop on "Perspectives from the field: Findings of surveys of key stakeholders" (organized in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, as part of the UNITAR Series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR))

Wednesday, 2 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The workshop is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please *click here*. For further information, contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

High-level DPI/NGO briefing on "New voices: Media freedom helping to transform societies" (on the occasion of the World Freedom Day) (organized in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Thursday, 3 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor, DPI (e-mail sainte@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Round-table discussion on "Protecting journalists: Lessons learned and prospects five years after resolution 1738" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France and Greece, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Thursday, 3 May 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Benjamin Cabouat, Permanent Mission of France (tel. 1 (212) 702-4963); or Mr. Iakovos Iakovidis, Permanent Mission of Greece (tel. 1 (212) 479-1369). For those without a United Nations grounds pass, please contact the UNESCO Office (e-mail newyork@unesco.org).]

UNITAR Rio Preparation Forum: Workshop on "Connectedness and sustainability" (organized in cooperation with the Digital Energy and Sustainable Solutions Campaign (DESSC))

Friday, 4 May 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The workshop is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please *click here*. For further information, contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "Quo vadis ICC?: Assessing the International Criminal Court's first ten years and planning the future" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Friday, 4 May 2012, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

OLA/UNITAR Seminar on International Treaty Law and Practice

Thursday, 10 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 11 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The seminar is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please *click here*. For further information, contact Ms. Hélène Gandois, UNITAR (e-mail gandoish@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).]

UNITAR/USIP Course on "Governance — Paths to democratic institution building in transition environments" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United States Institute of Peace (USIP))

Wednesday, 16 May 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); and

Thursday, 17, and Friday, 18 May 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 4 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Turkey (821 United Nations Plaza, 10th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Hélène Gandois, UNITAR (e-mail gandoish@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; fax 1 (212) 963-9686).]

Panel discussion on "Impact of public-private partnerships in education: An evidence-based approach" (co-organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the IDP Foundation)

Friday, 25 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact to Ms. Janae Bushman, UNESCO New York Office (e-mail ej.bushman@unesco.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
First session
United Nations Office at Vienna

The first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held from *Monday, 30 April*, to Friday, 11 May 2012, in Conference Room M1, United Nations Office at Vienna.

A general debate on issues related to all aspects of the work of the Preparatory Committee will be held on *Monday, 30 April*, and on Wednesday, 2 May 2012. There will be no official meeting on Tuesday, 1 May, official holiday. The list of speakers for the general debate *is open*. States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee from that date (Mr. Hong Tan, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; room DN-3501B; fax 1 (917) 367-1767)).

Further information for participants is contained in the Information Note (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.I/INF/2*) and is also available on the Web site of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference <www.un.org/disarmament/WMD/Nuclear/NPT2015/PrepCom2012>.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2011/240, the fifteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held from Monday, 21, to Friday, 25 May 2012, in Conference Room XIX, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/CN.16/2012/1.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to Mr. Mongi Hamdi, Head, Science, Technology and ICT Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Room E.7077, Geneva (e-mail mongi.hamdi@unctad.org; tel. 011-41-22-917-5069; fax 011-41-22-917-0052).

In preparation for the session, please *click here* to review the documentation and other background information.

Inquiries on the fifteenth session of the Commission can also be directed to Mr. Otto Gustafik, Secretary of the Commission (e-mail gustafik@un.org).

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Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library (new) (from 11 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 8 May 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 4 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 8 May 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 9 May 2012 (*Spanish*); and

Thursday, 10 May 2012 (*English*).

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Friday, 11 May 2012.

Searching the Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 15 May 2012.

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 22 May 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 22 May 2012; and

Thursday, 24 May 2012.

Social Networking 101: A user guide to the United Nations Library's social media tools (10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 24 May 2012.

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly *(reminder)*

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, *by Monday, 30 April 2012,* so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required.* Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 66/20, paras. 2, 9 (b) and 10 (a) and (b), entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures" (A/RES/66/20), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/15-2012/OIMM dated 12 March 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/30, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development" (A/RES/66/30), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/16-2012/D&D dated 8 March 2012 refers); and

Resolution 66/37, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels" (A/RES/66/37), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/20-2012/CAC dated 9 March 2012 refers).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 27 April 2012

Security Council

6763rd meeting

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice (S/2012/211, S/2012/212 and S/2012/213)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council proceeded to the election of a member of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the Statute of the Court, to fill the seat that became vacant on 31 December 2011 with the resignation of Judge Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan).

The President informed the members of the Security Council that he had received information about additional nominations from two national groups.

The President informed the members of the Security Council that, by a Note by the Secretary-General, the Secretary-General had informed of the withdrawal of the nomination of a candidate.

In the first ballot, a candidate, Mr. Dalveer Bhandari (India), obtained the required absolute majority of votes in the Security Council. The Council President informed the members of the Council that he had communicated the result of the voting in writing to the President of the General Assembly.

The Council President informed the members of the Council that he had received a letter from the President of the General Assembly, stating that a candidate had received an absolute majority of the votes in the General Assembly.

Upon comparison, the same candidate had obtained the required majority both in the General Assembly and in the Security Council. Therefore, Mr. Dalveer Bhandari (India) was elected a member of the International Court of Justice for a term of office expiring on 5 February 2018.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

107th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/66/668/Add.11) . . . . . [138]

The General Assembly took note that Vanuatu had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/66/668/Add.11).

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice . . . . . [113 (c)]

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/66/766 –S/2012/211);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/66/767–S/2012/212 and A/66/767/Add.1)

(c) Curriculum vitae (A/66/768–S/2012/213)

On the first ballot, Mr. Dalveer Bhandari (India) (122 votes) obtained an absolute majority of votes in the General Assembly.

The Acting President read out a letter that she had received from the President of the Security Council communicating the results of the voting held at the 6763rd meeting of the Security Council.

Having obtained the required absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Dalveer Bhandari (India) was elected a member of the International Court of Justice for a term of office beginning on 27 April 2012 and ending on 5 February 2018.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 113.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed organizational session for 2012

11th meeting

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments . . . . . [4]

The Council continued its consideration of the item.

A statement was made by the Secretary.

Election of a member to the International Narcotics Control Board

Casual vacancy

The President informed the Council of a vacancy arising from the resignation of one of the members of the International Narcotics Control Board, Mr. Camilo Uribe Granja (Colombia).

The Council then proceeded to elect one member, by secret ballot, from among the candidates listed in document E/2012/9/Add.13.

Ms. Lachezara Stoeva (Bulgaria) and Ms. Ivana Sandoval (Nicaragua) served as Tellers.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

	Votes
Francisco Thoumi (Colombia)	18
Carlos María Álvarez Vara (Spain)	9
María Luisa Di Bernardo Navas (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)	8
Volodymyr Tymoshenko (Ukraine)	7
Isidore Silas Obot (Nigeria)	6
Carlos Poiares ((Portugal)	3

No candidate having obtained the required majority, the Council then held a second ballot confined to the two candidates who obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, in accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva (Bulgaria) and Ms. Ivana Sandoval (Nicaragua) again served as Tellers.

The results of the second ballot were as follows:

	Votes
Francisco Thoumi (Colombia)	35
Carlos María Álvarez Vara (Spain)	15

Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Francisco Thoumi (Colombia) was declared elected for a term beginning on the date of election and expring on 1 March 2015.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the President.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-fifth session

9th meeting — The summary of the 9th meeting of the forty-fifth session Commission on Population and Development will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2012/83).

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-sixth session

1st meeting — The summary of the 1st meeting of the forty-sixth session Commission on Population and Development will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2012/83).

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *April 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Mourad Benmehidi

Asia-Pacific States:
Mongolia
H.E. Ms. Enkhtsetseg Ochir

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Boyan Nedialkov Belev
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Guatemala
H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal

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Sweden
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Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Department of Political Affairs
<www.un.org/depts/dpa>

Presidency of the Security Council
<www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>

Security Council
<www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
<www.un.org/sc/1540/>

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

United Nations Treaty Collection
<http://treaties.un.org/>

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
<www.un.org/law/avl/>

Dag Hammarskjöld Library
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S/2012/254	Letter dated 23 April 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
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S/RES/2045 (2012)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6761st meeting, on 26 April 2012 [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Seventeenth session

SSC/17/1	Item 2 of the provisional agenda — Review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, the new directions strategy for South-South cooperation and the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation [A C E F R S] — *17 pages*

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Fifty-second session

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Commission on Population and Development
Forty-fifth session

E/CN.9/2012/L.4 Item 3 — Actions in follow-up to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development — Draft decision submitted by the Chair [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

E/CN.9/2012/L.5 Draft report — *Rapporteur:* Martina Težak Budišić (Croatia) [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

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